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Memphis Facing Another King Rally

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., whose march in support of striking sanitation workers was [illegible] into rioting Thursday, set the stage Friday for another mass demonstration next week.

"We can't allow the city to feel there will be any retreat," King told a news conference as 4,000 National Guard troops maintained an uneasy peace in ravaged sections of the city, where 40 per cent of the 700,000 population is Negro.

King said he has cleared his calendar of all other commitments except planning for his Poor People's March on Washington April 22, and would call on other national civil rights figures to join him in what he called his upcoming Memphis "unity meeting."

As King spoke, the striking sanitation workers—98 per cent of them Negroes—prepared to hold another "sidewalk" demonstration much like those they have staged almost daily since their strike for higher wages, recognition by the city of their union and dues checkoff began Feb. 12. The temperature in early afternoon reached 81 degrees.

King said he would not participate in Friday's demonstration, but would return to Atlanta to map plans and return here "in three or four days." He indicated the mass demonstration would take place late next week, but gave no specific date.

He said the outbreak of violence Thursday, which left one Negro youth dead, at least 60 injured and 282 persons arrested, was "a mistake." He blamed the rioting on a "small group of young militants."

"We came in here cold; our intelligence was nil," King said. "I wouldn't have come if I had known the outbreak of violence was possible. I would have held up the march."

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